COMMON COUNCIL

September 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor York.

ROLL CALL:

Mike Guffey	Present
Jeff Hancock	Present
Jerry Walden	Present
Aaron Dicken	Present
Mark Koger	Present
Lynn Perdue	Present
Rex Peckinpaugh	Present

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Vice President Hancock moved to accept the minutes from the former meeting.
 Councilman Guffey seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Mike	Jeff	Jerry	Aaron	Mark	Lynn	Rex
Guffey	Hancock	Walden	Dicken	Koger	Perdue	Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstained	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING:

• #3867 AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF CITY CODE (TRASH ORDINANCE) Opened 6:54p.m. Superintendent Walker asked Council to amend to grandfather in existing service areas and moving from the passage of the ordinance to change to 3 apartments or more. Closed 6:56p.m. Vice President Hancock moved to amend #3867 to grandfather in existing commercials apartments and make the changes at the passage on third reading. President Peckinpaugh seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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L	Guffey	Hancock	Walden	Dicken	Koger	Perdue	Peckinpaugh
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PROCLAMATIONS:

No Proclamations

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #09202021-1 APPROVING ORDER OF THE NEW CASTLE PLAN
COMMISSION. Corey Murphy with New Castle/Henry County EDC spoke on behalf of
this ordinance. Nan Polk, New Castle School Board Member spoke regarding the effects
of adding TIF districts would add limitations to the School System. Discussion was had
and Mrs. Polk stated she understood both for and against it and just wanted the discussion
to be had. President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Vice President Hancock seconded.
Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ORDINANCES:

• #3867 AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF CITY CODE (TRASH ORDINANCE) President Peckinpaugh moved to approve on seconded reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike	Jeff	Jerry	Aaron	Mark	Lynn	Rex
Guffey	Hancock	Walden	Dicken	Koger	Perdue	Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

• #3868 2022 BUDGET President Peckinpaugh moved to approve. Councilman Perdue seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mike	Jeff	Jerry	Aaron	Mark	Lynn	Rex
Guffey	Hancock	Walden	Dicken	Koger	Perdue	Peckinpaugh
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

#3870 2022 ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY. President Peckinpaugh stated that this was not asked to be done but moved to add \$1200.00 a year to the Mayor and Clerk Treasurers Salary. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- #3868 2022 DEPARTMENT OF DINANCE SALARY
- #3870 2022 ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY
- #3871 2022 MANAGEMENT SALARY
- #3872 2022 HOURLY SALARY
- #3873 2022 POLICE SALARY
- #3874 2022 FIRE SALARY
- #3875 2022 EMS SALARY

President Peckinpaugh moved to approve Ordinances 3868 thru 3875 on first reading. Vice President Hancock seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

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Guffey	Hancock	Walden	Dicken	Koger	Perdue	Peckinpaugh
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OTHER BUSINESS:

• Penny York, New Castle /Henry County EDC spoke to council regarding tourism. The focus of the branding was basketball. Henry County is the only place you can find the Hoosier Gym, The Largest and Finest Fieldhouse and the Basketball Hall of Fame. Nowhere else in the world do these exist. Ms. York has been working with Christy Ragle and Carrie Barrett and this project. They unveiled the new Logo for tourism with the words Basketball Lives Here. Carrie Barrett stated that Henry County already has 218,000 tourist a year and that 80 percent of those tourist visiting had a second destination that they were traveling too.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Guffey: Noted;

- Inquired about the railroad tracks on 25th street in the 1300 Block need repaired. It is believed that someone with the railroad will be taking care of that.
- 2434 Plum there is a street cut that is still in need of repair. Water Superintendent Phipps stated that his department would get it taken care of.

Vice-President Hancock: Noted;

No Comments

Councilman Walden: Noted;

- Inquired about caution children at play sign being placed at 17th and I Avenue. It was noted that an individual could purchase one of the children at play signs and place in near the road. Traffic Committee will take a look at it.
- Still working on the 103 Interchange with the County Council and the County Commissioners to look into it. Commissioner Tarantino will be going out there to take a look at it. They will be going back to County Council on September 30th to answer more questions.

Councilman Dicken: Noted;

- Wanted to make it noted that his presence was in attendance for this meeting, as he had been noted the last two meetings in the paper that he was absent.
- Wants the Traffic Committee to take a look at the intersection of Beechwood and Lynnhurst. A lot of people are running the stop sign on Beechwood, maybe a yield sign on each side of Lynnhurst with no stop sign at all on Beechwood would be more appropriate.
- Stated I will be sending an email out to everyone about joining a zoom meeting regarding COVID 19 sponsored by the Health Department.
- Informed Council that the building on the corner of 12th and Broad has now been placed on the top 10 endangered buildings in Indiana.
- Advised Council that we are almost finished up with the IU Resiliency Greenhouse Program.

Councilman Koger: Noted;

• Advised Council that regarding the Budget, our Budget has decreased \$1,400,00.00 over the last four years. We are all doing the best we can with what we have. Representative Saunders stated that user fees are becoming the way of life over 4 years ago. Councilman just wanted to let the public know that they is why there are more user fees and why they continue to go up.

Councilman Perdue:

Noted;

• Gave an update on Trojan Lane. It looked great for Homecoming and he had a lot of interest in donating to the project from alumni coming back to visit. Thanked the Council for the Seed money out of Riverboat to get the project started.

President Peckinpaugh: Noted;

- Advised Council that there was a lot of positive feedback from people coming back home for Homecoming weekend.
- Presented the new Sign for the Fitzgerald Trail

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

 Mayor York informed everyone that in the City of New Castle, Trick or Treat would be from 5-8p.m. Saturday, October 30th, 2021, instead of on Halloween night.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- No Citizens Appeared
- Meeting Adjourned Councilman Walden

ATTEST:

Brenda Grider, Clerk Treasurer

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Approved by me this 20th, Day of September 2021.

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